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Dear Dr. Werdegarr:

On behalf of the West Hills Regional Medical Center, I appreciate the opportunity to review the annual report from the California Hospital Outcomes Project. We are firmly committed to cooperative efforts toward improving the quality of patient care.

As you are aware, this project reviewed risk-adjusted outcomes for Acute Myocardial Infarction, Vaginal Deliveries, Cesarean Sections, and Lumbar and Cervical Discectomy patients. The results of the AMI portion of the report published at this time have been thoroughly reviewed and determined to be consistent with our previously reviewed data demonstrating positive outcomes.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this response to the 1990/1991 Report of the California Hospital Outcomes Project.

Sincerely,



Dan J. Brothman
President and Chief Executive Officer